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## Louisville Athletes Claim to Fame

Every American city, town, and village has a story to tell regarding outstanding athletes from their communities. Louisville is one of those towns but, unfortunately, local high school sports history has been treated rather badly since the demise of Louisville High School. After the last graduation in 1972 LHS was transformed into a middle school while high school students attended the newly built Centaurus High School. Memorabilia from LHS was boxed away and stored in the basement of the school and in the ensuing years much was taken or simply thrown out. What was left was eventually saved by the Historical Commission and can be seen at the museum, but there is still much to gather from those who are willing to help recover that which was lost.

In the spirit of recovering those memories there are three athletes who have stories that must be told because they were outstanding and exemplified the very best that our small community had to offer in athletics. While many participate, few excel and they should be recognized for the glory and honor they brought to the playing fields and courts of Louisville High School.

### Jim Henander

By all accounts Jim Henander (Class of 1955) must be ranked among some of the finest football running backs to come out of Louisville High School. Jim was a 170 lb. fullback with amazing strength and speed and had an uncanny ability to find the open hole and explode to daylight. In the Class B state championship game against Meeker in December of 1954 Henander scored three touchdowns and had one called back. He scored on a screen pass of 71 yards and had an 87 yard touchdown run while averaging 12.8 yards per carry in that game won by Louisville by a score of 26-13. The team was coached by the legendary O.T. Nuttall who had produced an earlier state championship team in 1948. Jim was an all league, all state selection and played in the prestigious All State game during his senior year and in 13 games Henander scored 27 touchdowns for 162 points, rushed for 1,491 yards for a game average of 114 yards and 12.2 yards per carry. Jim was chosen, in 1955, as a High School All-American Fullback and was the only player from Colorado to receive that award.

In 1955 Jim was recruited to attend the University of Denver on a football scholarship by Coach R. L. Blackman. After recruiting Henander, Blackman accepted the head coaching position at Dartmouth University in the Ivy League and took Jim with him to play. Henander didn't play much during his freshman year at Dartmouth due to a knee injury but played at the varsity level during his last three years in college. In 1957

and 1958 the "Big Green" won 14 games and lost only two. At one time Jim held the record for the longest punt return in Dartmouth history with a return of 85 yards.

After graduation from Dartmouth, Jim attended the University of Colorado and received his degree in dentistry and had a practice in Boulder for many years. He was married to Phyllis (Warembourg) and together they had two children, Jack and Libby. Jim died in 1983 after a long struggle with cancer.

### Curt Schreiter

Curt Schreiter (Class of 1961) was, without argument, the most prolific place winner in Louisville High School wrestling history. Previous to Schreiter Louisville had three place winners; In 1942 Kenny Thompson placed 4th at Heavyweight, in 1957 Jack Henander placed 3rd at Heavyweight, and in 1958 Mel Beauprez placed 4th at Heavyweight. When it looked like Louisville was producing good, big wrestlers Curt Schreiter came into the picture at 138 lbs. and changed everything. Schreiter would become the only three time place winner in Louisville High School history and his team in 1959 would place 4th in the state tournament (coached by Stu Adams), the highest place of any wrestling team in school history.

Curt began wrestling during his ninth grade year at LHS and also participated in football. In fact his feats on the gridiron merit nearly the same attention as that of wrestling. He was the starting quarterback in 1960 and 1961 and was an all-state linebacker during those same years. From 1958 to 1961 Schreiter would qualify for the Colorado state wrestling tournament 3 times and would come back with two 2nd place finishes and one 4th place finish. During his sophomore year Curt would face the highly rated Frank Engel of Wray in the semifinal match at 138 lbs. In a grueling match Schreiter would defeat Engel 2-0 in overtime and become the first Louisville wrestler to make it to the championship finals. The match with Engel was covered in a full page of the Denver newspaper complete with photos. That same year another Louisville wrestler, Ken Beauprez would place 3rd at 175 lbs. In 1960 Curt would place 4th at the same weight class, and in 1961 he would again earn his way to the championship match by defeating wrestlers from LaPorte and Wray.

Schreiter was named as one of eleven young men eligible to seek an appointment to the Air Force Academy. The eleven where chosen out of more than one hundred who had taken a test in the fall of 1960.

After high school Schreiter went to the University of Colorado on a wrestling scholarship and left after one year and moved to California where he finished an engineering degree in the midst of working, enlistment in the military, and raising a family. He has been married for 38 years to his wife, Doll, and they have two daughters, Monique and Tish and two grandchildren, Drake and Garrett. Curt has been a

manufacturing/engineering manager in the packaging industry for 27 years and he keeps his interest in wrestling by sponsoring the local "Tulare Stallions" wrestling team.

### **Rick Kahl**

Rick Kahl (Class of 1966) must be considered with Jim Henander as one of the great running backs from Louisville High School. What made Kahl stand out from other outstanding athletes was his great versatility in three sports; football, wrestling, and track, his exceptional college sports career, and his contributions to football and track in the realm of coaching.

Rick was a three year starter in football under Coach Bob Raikes and was an all-conference and all-state selection. In 1966 Rick was selected by a sports publication as one of the "100 Best Running Backs in America." Kahl's running style can best be described as fluid with tremendous bursts of acceleration while having the muscular physique to fend off tacklers. Rick wrestled at 165 lbs. and was the conference champion during his senior year and qualified for the state tournament. He also excelled in track as a sprinter and won all league honors.

After high school Rick attended Western State College in Gunnison on a football scholarship and was a starting running back for most of his last three years at the school. The Mountaineers of Western State played in a very tough Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and Kahl was exceptional enough to make the RMAC All-Conference team.

This fall will be Rick Kahl's 22nd year as the head football coach at Fort Morgan High School. His teams have been in the playoffs for 13 consecutive years and have won State Championships in 1992 and 1999. In 2001 the Mustangs were state runner-up and two other teams have made semi-final appearances. In the past four years Kahl led teams have compiled a 50-4 record! In 1993 Rick was selected to coach the All State Games and was named Colorado Coach of the Year by his peers. Additionally, he has been selected as Tri-Valley Coach of the Year on many occasions.

In track, Kahl's team won the boys state title in 1991 and the boys and girls teams have won may conference and regional titles most notably the Northern Conference title in 1989 against much larger schools. Again, Rick has had the honor of being selected as Tri-Valley Coach of the Year in track.

Rick and his wife Maureen (Cater) have two sons and a daughter. Rick coached both of his sons while at Fort Morgan High School. Their oldest son Reid graduated in 1986 and was an All- State football player and played college ball at the University of Northern Colorado. Reid has just been named the head coach at Coronado High School in Colorado Springs and is married to Karen and they have two children, Kalen and Ryen. Second son Kent graduated in 1990 and while in high school won All- State and All-American honors. He attended the University of Colorado on a football scholarship and then transferred to the University of Iowa where he was named MVP. Kent signed with the San Diego Chargers and now owns a construction company in Iowa City, Iowa. Rick and Maureen's daughter, Kelli lives in Seattle with her husband Scot McCloughan and he is the Director of College Scouting for the Seattle Seahawks. They have a son, Caden.

## **Museum Wish List**

A special thanks to **Historical Society Members, Eugene and Virginia Caranci, Carolyn Conarro, June Enrietto, Don Ross, and Joan Tuley**, who recently donated to the museum. Their donations are wonderful additions to the museum's collection. If you would be willing to donate any of the items listed below, please call 303-665-9048 and let us know. All donations to the museum, a non-profit institution, are tax deductible. Thank you for your support!

- Louisville High School Yearbooks (Cargos) 1954, 1961, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, & 1972
- Photographs of Louisville High School's graduating classes 1939, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1958, 1960, 1961, 1962, and 1964 through 1971

### **LOUISVILLE HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

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### **Share the Gift of History**

Share the gift of history by sharing the gift of membership in the Louisville Historical Society. Your gift will be the one remembered throughout the year. A yearly membership for an individual, family, group, or business is \$10.00. A Lifetime Membership is \$50.00. Membership means receiving our newsletters and an invitation to our Annual Historical Society Meeting. Membership also means helping to ensure the preservation of Louisville's unique history and cultural character.

Visit our website at:

[museum@ci.louisville.co.us/museum.htm](mailto:museum@ci.louisville.co.us/museum.htm) for a membership form or call the museum at 303-665-9048. You may also write to us at Louisville Historical Museum, 749 Main Street, Louisville, Colorado, 80027. Please remember to communicate your name, address, and telephone number as well as the name, address, and telephone number of the person(s) to whom you wish to give the gift of membership. We accept cash or checks. Please make checks payable to Louisville Historical Society.

## *William Jovanovich*

### *Publishing Giant - Louisville Native*

Louisville born William Jovanovich, age 81, died as the result of a heart attack on Tuesday, December 4, 2001 at his home in San Diego, California. Jovanovich was head of one of the premier publishing houses in the world, Harcourt, Brace, and Jovanovich.

William Jovanovich was born on February 6, 1920 in Louisville, the son of immigrant parents of Polish and Serbian ancestry. He attended elementary school in Denver speaking only Serbian and Polish, but not English. Jovanovich attended the University of Colorado and did two years of a graduate fellowship in English and American Literature at Harvard University. In 1942, during World War II, Jovanovich served in the U.S. Navy as an officer and left the service in 1946. After discharge from the Navy, Jovanovich attended Columbia University in New York City and, after coming up short on money, signed on as a textbook salesman for Harcourt, Brace, and Co., for \$50 per week.

In the 1950's Jovanovich became close to the major writers of the time including Carl Sandburg, Hannah Arendt, T.S. Eliot, Gunter Grass, Umberto Eco, Octavio Paz, C.S. Lewis, Mary McCarthy, and Charles Lindbergh. According to accounts, Lindbergh, with only days left to live, called on Jovanovich to visit him whereupon Lindbergh presented him with 3,000 pages of written material. The notes were in a piece of luggage, the only one Lindbergh carried with him in 30 years of flying. Jovanovich is credited with putting the material together, along with Yale archivist Judith Schiff, that culminated in Lindbergh's autobiography, "Autobiography of Values." Jovanovich was also responsible for promoting the works of economist Milton Friedman, and novelists James Gould Cozzens, Eugene McCarthy and Alice Walker (author of, "The Color Purple") as well as editing the collected essays of George Orwell.

Eight years after joining Harcourt, Brace as a textbook salesman Jovanovich would find himself as head of the publishing company. He had worked his way through the company through a combination of love for reading and tremendous perseverance to see quality in publishing. When Jovanovich took over the company, after the deaths of Harcourt and Brace, annual sales amounted to 8 million and 125 people were employed. After 36 years at the helm of what became Harcourt, Brace, and Jovanovich and his retirement in 1990, Jovanovich would mold the company into the leading scientific and educational publisher in the United States and annual sales would exceed \$1.7 billion and have a staff of 12,000 people. Jovanovich would also write seven books of his own that would include four novels.

William Jovanovich, the son of immigrant parents, born in Louisville, Colorado was truly the epitome of the American dream. He is survived by his wife Martha, three children, and six grandchildren.

*"Reading, like prayer, remains one of our few private acts."*

- William Jovanovich

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## MUSEUM DONATIONS

The Louisville Historical Museum has received the following donations during the months of mid-April through mid-July. We sincerely appreciate these recent donations.

June Enrietto	Photographs of parade floats designed by the Royal Neighbors of America
Eugene & Virginia Caranci	1940s typewriter and undated picture frame
Ray & Bev Smith	Variety of kitchen items
Monarch High School	Yearbook, Mosaic 2002
Joan Tuley	Photograph of the Weir family, 1890
Don Ross	Paper copy of a photograph of the Monarch Mine

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## THE MUSEUM CORNER

*Carol Gleeson*  
Museum Coordinator

At the Louisville Historical Museum, staff and Historical Commission members are encouraged by the opportunities and challenges associated with a growing museum. The recent addition of the Jordinelli House holds the promise of additional storage and display space for the museum's collection. To meet the financial demands of renovating the Jordinelli House, the Historical Commission has formed a fund raising committee. The summer issue of the *Louisville Historian* includes the first article of a new feature dedicated to updating Society members on the fund raising committee's progress and plans for the Jordinelli House. Commission member, Bob Enrietto, is the writer of this new feature in the newsletter.

The museum's growth is also evident in the increasing number of items donated to the museum. The registration and care of each donated item is a major responsibility of the museum. A new volunteer staff member, Barbara Gould, has recently been trained in cataloging items in the museum's software program, Past Perfect. Barbara is generously donating her time and skills to catalog both existing and newly acquired items.

Louisville Public Library is providing the opportunity to view over 300 historic photographs online via the Library's catalog. To view the photographs, visit the City of Louisville's web site at <http://www.ci.louisville.co.us> and click on Library. Click on the Louisville/Boulder/Broomfield link and then click on Search the Catalog. Select a method for searching (i.e., Word) and type a search term like Louisville photographs. The full catalog record includes a "thumbnail" image and description of the historic photograph. Please visit the Library's catalog and reacquaint yourself with Louisville's unique history.

Louisville Historical Museum is proud to be a part of the Women of the West Museum's history trail project. The project, "Revealing our Routes: Women of Boulder County," explores the contributions, accomplishments, and challenges of women throughout Boulder County. The entire trail route covers more than 100 miles. Trail Maps and Family Activity Books are available at the museum. Maps, directions, and links to Boulder County institutions are available online at [www.revealingourroutes.org](http://www.revealingourroutes.org). The web site also contains expanded biographies, a bibliography, curricular materials, and other educational activities. I encourage you to enjoy the trail this summer and to visit the above-mentioned web site.

The Louisville Historical Museum has updated its web site at [www.ci.louisville.co.us/museum.htm](http://www.ci.louisville.co.us/museum.htm). I invite you to visit our web site and learn about our museum and services.

The Louisville Historical Commission is participating in the Louisville Downtown Street Fair. On designated Friday evenings, Commission members are conducting walking tours of Historic Downtown Louisville. The next scheduled tour is August 16th at 5 o'clock in the evening. Come to Spruce Street and enjoy the music, food, and history of Louisville on Friday evenings this summer.

In closing, I want to thank the volunteer staff at the museum for their continued support. Their efforts provide the essential work of exhibiting and caring for the collection, cataloging artifacts, developing resources, greeting visitors, and publishing the quarterly newsletter. Special thanks are extended to Betty and Bill Buffo, Ron Buffo, Don Buffo, and Barbara Gould for their work this summer.

### MEMORIAL DONATIONS

*In Memory of*

*Charles Hogg, Dorothy Woodbury, and  
Agnes Codron*

### JORDINELLI HOUSE STATUS

The house has been set on its foundation, sewer and water connections have been completed, and electric service has been connected. Rough grading is complete and final grading awaits completion of sidewalk and porch slabs. Due to the water restrictions there will be no landscaping at this time. The "Summer Kitchen" shed is located at the city shops and will be moved onto the property after concrete and grading work is completed. The shed will be located in the same relative position as the original location.

The Historical Commission has established a separate account for all funding earmarked for the house restoration. This account presently has a balance of \$510. All donations will be placed in this account for audit purposes.

The Beer Garden at the Friday Night Street Faire has offered to donate all profits to the restoration project and we thank all those involved in this effort.

The commission, at this time, does not have any plans for the restoration but will be working to develop them as soon as we have access to the house. Any ideas may be submitted to the Historical Museum.

### Thanks to New and Renewing Members!

#### Lifetime Members

Joan Y. Tuley  
Dottie Unruh

#### Yearly Member

Keen Butterworth

The above names consist of recent memberships and renewals in the Louisville Historical Society during the months of April through mid-July. We apologize for any omissions or misspellings. Please contact the museum with corrections to the above list of names.

*MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE ANNUAL  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 15TH!  
INVITATIONS WILL BE MAILED SOON.*

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